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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS OF DRAFT A  
DECLARATION ON RACISM AND RACIAL PREJUDICE

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1. MISSION HAS REVIEWED THE VARIOUS RESPONSES TO THE  
DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE (REFTEL B).  
WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY THE DECISION OF THE EC-9 UN EXPERTS  
TO RECOMMEND PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE  
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IT RUNS COUNTER TO CLEAR INDICATIONS WE RECEIVED HERE FOLLOW-

ING THE RACISM/ZIONISM VOTE THAT THE EC-9 WOULD BOYCOTT FURTHER ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE DECADE TO ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (EG. PARA, REFTEL D). WE ARE EVEN MORE DISCERTED BY THE INDICATION IN REFTEL C THAT USG VIEWS WERE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE UN EXPERTS MEETING, IN PARTICULAR OUR HOPE THAT THE EC-9 WOULD JOIN US IN BOYCOTTING THIS UNESCO MEETING. THIS SOUNDS DISINGENUOUS TO US BUT OFFERS ONE ADDITIONAL REASON FOR FURTHER US APPROACHES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN INSTRUCT ACTION POSTS TO APPROACH GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IMMEDIATELY TO REITERATE OUR VIEWS AND URGE THAT THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR JANUARY 19 SESSION REVIEW THE QUESTION WITH FULL AWARENESS OF THE USG POSITION.

3. WE NOTE THAT AMEMBASSY TOKYO WAS NOT INCLUDED AS AN ACTION ADDRESSEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON TO THINK THAT THE GOJ WOULD IN FACT JOIN US IN BOYCOTTING THIS MEETING, WE NEVERTHELESS SEE MERIT IN APPROACHING THEM SO THAT THEY HAVE A FIRST-HAND READING OF THE US POSITION.

4. OBVIOUSLY THE KEY QUESTION IN THE EC-9 DELIBERATIONS IS THE NATURE OF THE ASSURANCES WHICH M'BOW MAY GIVE ON "SIDE-STEPPING" THE RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE AT THE MEETING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT OF THIS BY USDEL TO UNESCO FOR OUR GENERAL BACKGROUND. BUT WE REMAIN FIRMLY OF THE OPINION THAT REFUSAL TO ATTEND IS THE ONLY POSITION CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS WE AND A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES EXPRESSED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DEBATE ON THE RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE.

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